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(1) Departures of military trains from Neuruppin and Altruppin with equipment and men from the See and Panzer Kasernen; (2) Crash of a MIG-17 at Neuruppin airfield, and (3) River-crossing exercise on the Molchow See involving 12 T-54 tanks. A sketch of the equipment and area where the river-crossing exercise was held is also included.

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G.S.F.G. Activity in NEURUPPIN

1. Military Transports

- (a) On 9.12.60. at 0645 hours, at NEURUPPIN Hauptbahnhof, a military transport train was loaded as follows:

24 x 122 mm FH m - 1938
24 x 3-axled trucks
3 x Bowsers

The vehicles came from the See Kaserne (BS 2211). At 0900 hours, the train left in the direction of WITTSTOCK.

- (b) On 5.12.60. at 1700 hours, at ALTRUPPIN Bahnhof, a military transport train was loaded as follows:

19 x T.54
5 x M-Waggons with troops.

The vehicles came from the Panzer Kaserne (BS 2205). At 2000 hours, the train left in the direction of LÖWENBERG.

2. Trooping

Between 1.12.60. and 10.12.60., there have been no trooping arrivals or departures at NEURUPPIN.

3. Aircraft crash, NEURUPPIN Airfield

On 1.12.60., at 1000 hours, two FRESCOES took off from the airfield. One of them at a maximum of 30 secs. after take-off and at a height of less than 100 metres suddenly dived steeply and crashed. There was a loud explosion, bits of the aircraft flew all over the place and a fire broke out. There was an immediate siren alarm and two fire-engines rushed to the scene, which was still just inside the west confines of the airfield. The fire was under control in about 5 minutes. Meanwhile the second aircraft circled round after flying only a short distance and landed. There was no more flying during the day.

4. Tank river-crossing with pontoon-raft

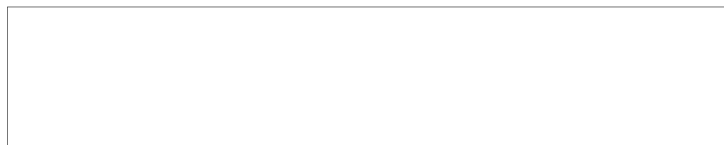
At Appendix "A" is a sketch plan of a river crossing exercise which took place just north of the Schleuse Neumühle on the Molchen See (UU 546704) at 1400 hours on 1.12.60. Some 12 x T.54s were involved.

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The sketch is self-explanatory. One tank at a time was driven on to the raft, and the crossing time for each tank, over a distance of about 80 metres, was about 3 minutes. The tanks came from the Panzer Kaserne (BS 2205) and the personnel dealing with the raft wore black shoulder-boards and came from the GENTZRODE FELD (BS 2206).

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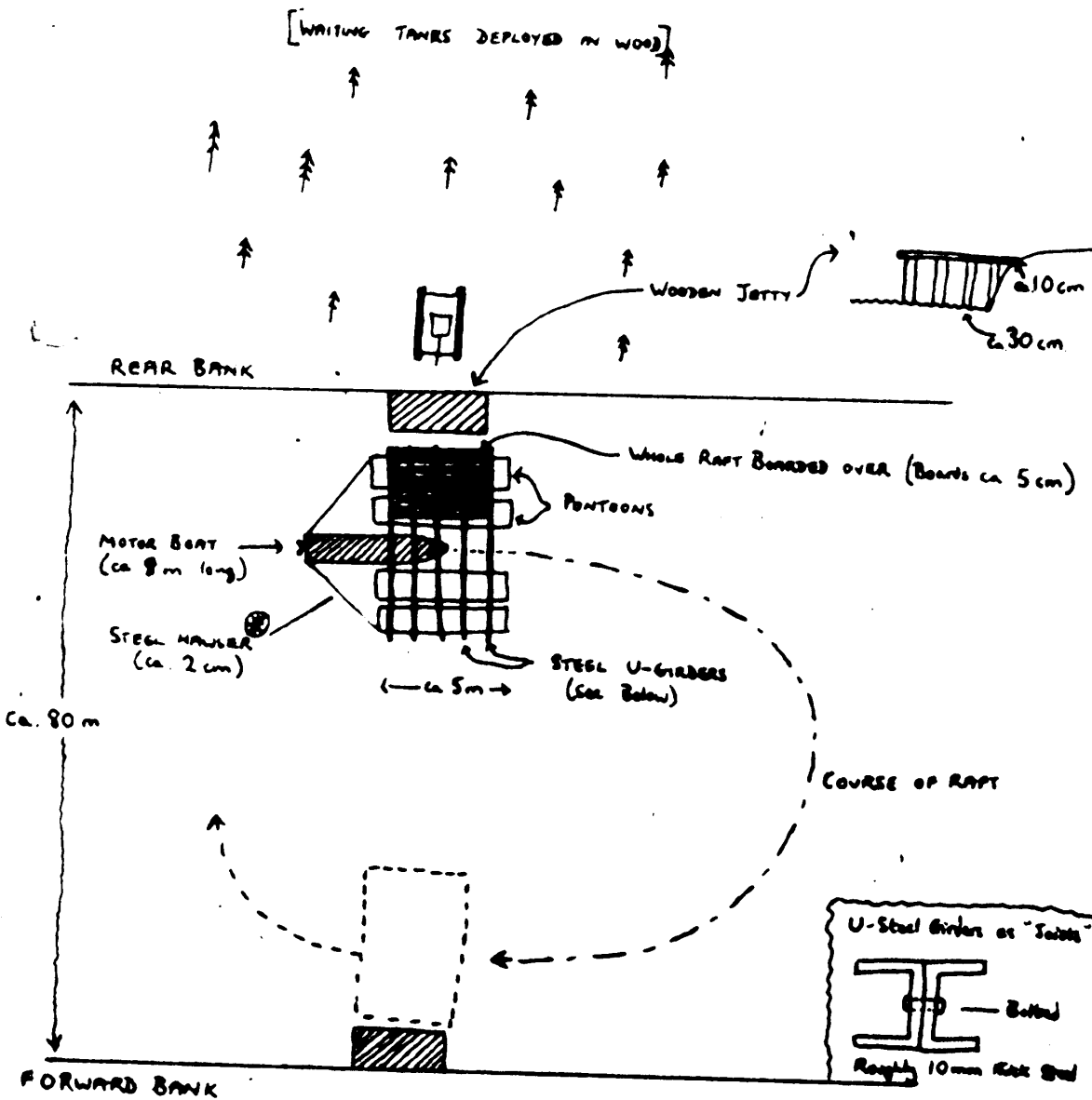
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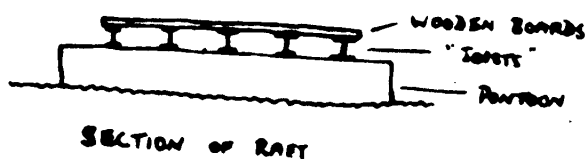
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SKETCH-PLAN OF TANK RIVER-CROSSING USING PONTON RAFT.

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⊗ Other means of attaching Motor-Boat to Raft not known.

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